

floor to ask if Senator Abboud did mean that he would pull his last amendment, then I would pull this. It's just the fact that I think we've spent a great deal of time and I thought that was the agreement that we had. But I'll take a minute and talk with Senator Abboud. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. I'll speak for a minute or two while Senator Abboud and Senator Bohlke are talking. One thing I wanted to get on the record was that in no way do my amendments or my position on this indicate that I'm not...that I'm saying we don't need equalization. I'm not saying that. I'm not saying that at all. I understand the fairness about equalization and, as a principle, I would support that. What I have said and what I am saying is that when we do things like this we ought to take into account when they become effective and how they affect the political subdivisions that, that we pass laws with respect to. And to do something like this, this major, that comes into being now and affects the budget year '96-97, almost when we're past the rifting date on staff is, I think it borders on being disrespectful of the challenges that those political subdivisions face. There is nothing wrong with giving fair warning a year down the line that there's going to be a significant change. And that's all that I've suggested we do, is to give fair warning to the schools we are going to be making this change, you're going to be losing revenue, whether it be from insurance tax rebate, income tax rebate, or the changes in the option payments, you're going to be losing revenue so plan for that. Maybe you want to talk to the neighboring district about how to share some staff or how to share some administrators to avoid raising your real estate tax levy. Give them a chance to do that. If we pass this with the emergency clause and the way it's drafted, they will have no opportunity to do that. So the body has spoken, they have indicated their preference apparently to continue down this path. I don't know if you're going to have an opportunity to vote on an upcoming amendment which would just be a one-year delay instead of a two or three. If you do have that opportunity, I hope you support that. I do plan to pull my amendment which follows this motion. My amendment basically backs the whole bill up for a year with the exception of the alternative ed provisions and a couple of other...the incentives for consolidation. With that I will conclude and ask the body